



Sunday, June 29, 2025



Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. The disciples were filled with the Spirit and spoke in different languages, preaching to all the people there who heard the message in their own language. It must have been an amazing sight to behold the Spirit descending upon the disciples. That same Spirit is available to us as Christians to teach us and to empower us to continue the work of the disciples and Christ. Pentecost was on June 8th, and the season of Pentecost lasts until November 30th, the first Sunday of Advent.

Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

There are many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's. Everyone is welcome so please reach out and step into places that inspire you the most. More details on our website.

FIND YOUR PLACE

WASHROOMS: A wheelchair-accessible and gender-neutral bathroom is located in the hallway North of the lower auditorium. It can be accessed by the elevator near the office or any of the stairways and is available to all 24 / 7. The Childcare and Nursery have full and exclusive use of the washrooms in the lower hallway Monday to Friday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The use of the lower Narthex washrooms is for church use 24 / 7 plus the lower hallway washrooms may be used by all on evenings and weekends when the childcare and nursery are closed.

A special welcome to Westworth United Church, who are worshipping with us for the next 5 Sundays as part of our partnership. In August and the first week of September, we worship with Westworth at their church.

It's summertime; dress casually and comfortably for church

Westworth gifted us with a beautiful communion worship cloth with the new United Church Crest on it. I was at a loss for words and sent a thank you to them. Today, the cloth is on our table.

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly Online newsletter to know what is happening in the Church community!

<https://standrewsriverheights.com/news-4/newsletter/>



OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

Who Touched Me?

GATHERING MUSIC: *Serenade* Noel Rawsthorne
In loving partnership we come (tune - Maryton) arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME

WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

RECOGNITION OF THE LAND AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

HYMN: **VU226** *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Tune VU81)

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Gathering, Resources for Worship Leaders, 2025, written by Gill Le Fevre, Oakville, Ont. Adapted.*

In worship, we are invited to call upon the name of God

to call on God's presence for all we need.

We call upon God in hope and prayer,

Bringing before God our dreams, and our fears.

We call upon God in joy and music,

bringing to God our laughter and delight, honouring God in our friendships and communities.

We call upon God desiring mercy and care

To be comforted by God's love and forgiven by God's grace.

Come, call upon God as we worship today.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU603** *In Loving Partnership We Come* (Tune VU560)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Gathering Resources for Worship Leaders, 2025, written by Cheryl Dillon, St. Catharines, Ont. Adapted.*

Most Holy God, you know my heart. You know all my transgressions. You know all the times when I was tempted and gave in. You know all the times when I am less than Christ-like. I come to you now, seeking forgiveness.

After all the negative things I have said and done, I come.

After all the times I have turned away from those in need, I come.

After all the times I have ignored the cries of others in pain, I come.

After all the times I have refused to help because it was inconvenient or I felt afraid, I come.

Loving God, I recognize I need your help. Forgive my shortcomings.

Help me to be more like you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 5:21-35 read by Glenda Oldham

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SOLO: Rachel Tarrant – *Because Jesus Felt* MV186

Because Jesus felt a woman touch his coat,
and said, "Your faith has made you well,"

I know that God takes notice,

and knows my name, and loves us all:

(Refrain) So thank you, thank you God.
Thank you, God!
Thank you, thank you, God!
Thank you, God!

Because Jesus ate with people who'd gone wrong,
and said, "You are forgiven now,"
I know that God forgives me,
and hears my name, and loves us all: *R*

Because Jesus went to heal a little girl,
and said, "Get up and have some food,"
I know God cares about me,
and speaks my name, and loves us all: *R*

Because Jesus sat with children on his knee,
and said, "I'm glad to meet you all,"
I know God thinks I'm lovely,
and sings my name, and loves us all: *R*

Because Jesus lived and died, and lives with God,
and says, "I'm with you all the time,"
I know that God is near me,
and calls my name, and loves us all: *R*

SERMON

HYMN: **VU479** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
We will take up the challenge. **We will make a difference.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** *A Paraphrase*
**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!**

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

**Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, for-
give us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is
love,
now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *There is a balm in Gil-
ead* arr. Mark Hayes

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE:

MV182 Grateful (refrain)
♪ **Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing
over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.** ♪

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **MV214** *May God's Sheltering
Wings*
♪ **May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Voluntary in D major* William
Boyce

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone
who helped with today's service—we
couldn't have pulled it off without you.

Thank you to our singers, soloist, Rachel
Tarrant, and our scripture reader, Glen-
da Oldham.

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Announcements

Packages for the children are available at the back of the church. You can ask the ushers and greeters if you did not receive them when you came in.

The recording of the Sunday morning services will take a summer break from Sunday, June 29, to September 7th. Thank you, Fred, for your faithful service of recording and editing all year long.

During the month of July, the office works under reduced hours:
 -Tuesdays 9am-12pm
 -Wednesdays 9am-3pm
 -Thursdays 9am-3pm
 These are the hours the office will be physically open.

Kathy Knowles is collecting round metal tops from frozen concentrated orange juice and lemonade containers. She will be using them to make concentration games for her children's libraries in Ghana. Linda Fearn has added a labelled bin at the back of the church with the others targeted for recycling.

Walks on Tuesdays with Westworth continue every week at 1pm. If you would like to be informed about the routes of these walks and would like to have your email provided to the organizers, please let the church office know.

Coming Up...

MONDAY, JUNE 30

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

MONDAY, JULY 7

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

MONDAY, JULY 14

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm

MONDAY, JULY 21

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm

MONDAY, JULY 28

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm

THURSDAY, JULY 31

Rental—Jan van der Hooft (sanctuary) @ 1pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 5pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

YOUR GIFTS MATTER.

Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, through E-transfer by contacting Bill Craddock, our Treasurer at 204-488-1130 just leave a message on the phone and Bill will return it, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms. The church is very grateful for any and all donations. Thank you so much.

Worship meeting (board room) @ 1:30pm

P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

